Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry. The delegation discussed with the Indian businessmen possibilities of setting-up of joint ventures in Saudi Arabia and Indian. Bilateral matters concerning trade and investment were also discussed. No offer for concessional finance was however made by the Saudi delegation.

The Indian business community has responded positively to cooperate with Saudi businessmen for promotion of trade and setting up joint ventures in either country. Specific projects, however, were not discussed.

Export of Agricultural Commodities by STC

2518. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the agricultural commodities being exported alongwith the quantity thereof during the last two years, countrywise;

(b) the share of the State Trading Corporation in the above commodities in terms of quantity with value and destination; and

(c) what are the targets set for the current season in respect of agricultural commodities for export alongwith estimated earnings and quantity and the share of STC in the total export?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI DINESH SINGH): (a) A Statement is attached [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 138].

(b) A Statement is attached [*See* Appendix CXLIX Annexure No. 139]

(c) The targets set for the current year 1988-89 are in value terms i.e. Rupees crores Targets and expected realisations are as below:—

	Target	E xpected earnings
Cashew Kernels	285	270
Tobacco	110	110
Oil Meals	250	290—300
Fresh Fruits, Vegetables, Meat and products, other processed Foods	400	375
Rice	350	300
Wheat	None	—
Spice	300	260
HPS Groundnut	15	25
Sugar	16*	The target is expected to be achieved.

*Target fixed on the basis mainly of USA, EEC preferential quotas.

No specific tagets have been fixed for STC as share in total exports.

बनारसी-वस्त्रों के निर्माण के लिए कच्चे रेशम का आवंटन

2519. **डा० रत्नाकर पाण्डेय** : क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1987-88, 1988-89 वर्ष में वाराणसी में बनारसी वस्त्रों के निर्माण के लिए कितने कच्चे रेशम का आवंटन किया गया;